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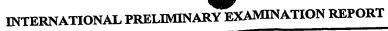


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1.	Statement				
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES	
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Citations and explanations

Industrial applicability (IA)

The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 13 share the common feature of being a rotary damper, wherein said rotary damper comprises a first and second chamber partitioned by a partition wall, and combines the type of rotary damper that uses the viscous resistance between the rotor rotatably disposed within the first chamber and a viscous fluid filled in the gaps between said rotor and the inner peripheral surface with which said rotor comes into contact, and the type of rotary damper that uses the fluid resistance between the vanes disposed oscillatably within the second chamber and the viscous fluid filled within said second chamber.

None of the documents cited in the international search report sets forth a rotary damper combining a damper using viscous resistance and a damper using fluid resistance formed in their respective chambers. None of the documents suggests such a combination, therefore the inventions set forth in claims 1 to 13 are novel and involve an inventive step.

In addition, the inventions set forth in claims 1 to 13 are industrially applicable as damping devices for rotating bodies.